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Code Red Alert Warns Of Severe Weather

With severe weather season approaching, Hopkins County residents are urged to sign up for Code Red weather alerts. Fewer than one third of county households are currently registered.

Code Red is a free countywide alert system available to individuals and businesses. It takes only a few seconds to sign up. The system is used by Hopkins County officials to provide information that will keep the community safe and informed.

To sign up to receive notifications, visit www.hopkinscounty.ky.gov and click on the Code Red logo on the home page. Those without Internet access may call 270-821-8294 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to supply information by phone.

Kentucky Utilities is also encouraging customers to evaluate their readiness plans. KU offers three simple steps to prepare for severe weather.

1. Plan ahead: Visit www.ready.gov to make a plan and learn how to build an emergency supply kit, which should include items such as prescription medicines, a weather radio, important phone numbers, a first aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, to name a few.

Before severe weather strikes, KU prepares by monitoring weather conditions, placing field crews and business partners on alert and readying operating equipment and material. Throughout the year, KU makes infrastructure investments and performs regular system maintenance such as tree trimming and hazardous tree removals to enhance system reliability.

2. Stay informed: During outage situations, system and restoration updates are provided through the KU and LG&E online outage map and

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Dawson Springs Jr./Sr. High School Hosts Career Day

JASON McKNIGHT (left), a 1995 DSHS graduate, who is now a detective on the Madisonville Police Department and the Emergency Response Team, speaks with local students at Career Day Friday, March 21, at Dawson Springs Junior/Senior High School.

MORE THAN 321,000 HAVE ENROLLED THROUGH KYNECT

Healthcare Enrollment Deadline Is Monday

More than 321,000 Kentuckians are now enrolled in new healthcare coverage through kynect, and that number is expected to keep growing in the final days of open enrollment.

A preliminary analysis has found that approximately 75 percent of all enrollees report they did not have insurance before signing up for healthcare coverage through kynect. With approximately 640,000 uninsured Kentuckians prior to the start of open enrollment on Oct. 1, kynect is helping to significantly reduce that number and ensure access to quality, affordable care each day.

It's clear that Kentuckians are responding quickly to the March 31 deadline for enrollment. Individuals who remain uninsured as of April 1 could face a financial penalty of $95 or 1 percent of income, whichever is greater. That penalty applies to every uninsured member of a household and increases significantly from year to year.

"Tens of thousands of Kentuckians have taken the initial application steps and know they are eligible for a subsidy to help lower the cost of purchasing health insurance," Carrie Banahan, executive director of kynect, said in a press release. "In these final days of open enrollment, we strongly encourage those folks to complete their applications and choose a plan. After March 31, subsidies to help cover the cost of a private health plan won't be available again until the fall enrollment period — and by that point, being without insurance may cost you on your taxes."

Since Jan. 1, hospitals and other healthcare providers have received more than $45 million in payments for services provided to individuals newly eligible for Medicaid coverage. These include payments of $18 million to Kentucky hospitals and $15 million to Kentucky pharmacies. The vast majority of the nearly 20,000 newly insured patients seen by hospitals and reimbursed for services would have been considered indigent prior to Medicaid expansion and most likely would

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Grand Jury Indicts Nine Local People

The Hopkins County grand jury returned indictments against the following Dawson Springs residents March 20:

—James Adamson, 46, 206 S. Parker St., was charged with trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone, 20 dosage units or more (Class D felony) and with being a persistent felony offender (enhancement offense).

—Clifford Barnes, 39, 200 E. Munn St., Apt. 6, was charged with two counts of trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone less than 20 dosage units (Class D felony).

—Holly Burns, 25,

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ENTERING the library to purchase museum memberships and enjoy the chili luncheon Thursday, March 20, are the Randolphs, (from left) Kristin, Linda, Steven, and Mike.

City Council Met Tuesday

The Dawson Springs City Council held a special called meeting Tuesday night. Results of the meeting were not known at press time.

According to Mayor Jenny Sewell, the purpose of the meeting was to review the city's strategic plan, which is already in place, and establish a work committee to further develop those objectives and strategies. Sewell suggested the committee be made up of representatives of groups such as the school system, the chamber of commerce and West Hopkins Industries.

Hopkins County goes through comprehensive planning every 10 years. The council will review the parts of that plan pertaining to Dawson Springs to be certain it is correct for the city. This is needed if Dawson Springs applies for grants or any projects at the state level.

"It forces us to sit down and discuss who we want to be in 2030," Sewell said.

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Obituaries

Randall Cansler, 58
Richard Ernest Dickerson, 76
Terry Lynn Jones, 58
Mary Ann Lay, 78

Local 5 Day Forecast

Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29	Sun 3/30
49/36	61/54	63/43	59/35	66/45
Mainly sunny. High 49F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	Windy, chance of showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 50s.	Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.	Occasional showers possible. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Newspapers Gain Fees In Battle Against State

By Tom O'Neill
The Courier-Journal

Kentucky has been ordered to pay more than $300,000 to two Kentucky newspapers, including The Courier-Journal, for attorneys fees after they successfully sued for access to records involving children killed while under state supervision.

Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd's final ruling rejects a request by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to dismiss his December order requiring the cabinet to pay the plaintiffs' attorneys fees, though that figure was not set until Tuesday.

The court also declined to reconsider a previous order in which the cabinet was fined $756,000 for violating the state's Open Records Act.

The March 19 ruling culminates a five-year legal battle by the newspapers to make the records public. The case has now cost the cabinet more than $1 million.

The Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader had argued that the cabinet "willfully withheld" records on abuse cases, and then provided copies that were so heavily redacted that they were of little use.

In awarding Courier-Journal attorneys $228,887 and Herald-Leader attorneys $72,897, Judge Shepherd cited four children by name, "and dozens of others," who died while under the cabinet's supervision. He said the court did not consider their deaths "inevitable."

"The record in this case demonstrates that such preventable tragedies will continue to occur," the judge wrote, "as long as the Cabinet's conduct in child-fatality cases remains effectively shielded from public scrutiny."

ALLISON GORDON "pies" teacher Emily Abbott, Friday, March 14, at the local school when Pi Day was celebrated.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Bradley J. Summers, 28, St. Charles, was cited March 17. He was charged with possession of marijuana. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Bobby Hadley.

—Mason Lewis, 25, Hopkinsville, was arrested March 18. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Christian County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Kristen N. Rudd, 33, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 19. She was charged with bond violation (Caldwell County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Candis M. Spinks, aka Candis Goodaker, 33, Madisonville, was arrested March 19. She was charged with probation violation for technical offense (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Robert J. Wells, 37, 4200 Niles Road, was arrested March 22 at his residence. He was charged with failure to comply with sex offender registry. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Antony Clark, 19, homeless, was arrested March 23 on Frederick Road. He was charged with violation of a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order and fourth-degree assault (child abuse). Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

One Person Hospitalized In Four-Vehicle Accident

The Kentucky State Police investigated a four-vehicle injury collision that occurred Saturday on the Pennyrile Parkway.

The preliminary investigation revealed Lonnie Todd, 90, of Madisonville, was driving north in the right lane of travel. Thomas Drake Jr., 40, of White Plains, was behind Todd's vehicle; Bill Pailin Jr., 44, of Covington, Tenn., was behind Drake, and Paula Berry, 46, of Mortons Gap, was behind Pailin.

For an unknown reason, Todd stopped in the right northbound lane of travel just south of exit 40. The front bumper of Drake's vehicle collided with the rear bumper of Todd's vehicle. The impact caused both vehicles to cross into the emergency strip, striking a guardrail. Todd's vehicle came to rest on top of the guardrail facing north and the Drake vehicle came to rest in the northbound emergency strip facing north.

Paulin attempted to slow to avoid a second collision but was struck in the rear by Berry's vehicle. Pailin's vehicle came to rest partially in the median facing north. Berry's vehicle came to rest in the right lane of travel facing northeast.

Todd was transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment of injuries sustained in the collision. No other injuries were reported. All vehicle occupants were wearing set belts.

Trooper Ben Sawyer investigated the collision.

Sex Offender Arrested For Failure To Register

A Madisonville man was charged by Kentucky State Police with failure to comply with sex offender registration.

Trooper Jonathan Murphy was contacted by Christian County Probation and Parole in reference to Gregory W. Burbage, 34, not living at his registered address on North Seminary Street in Madisonville. Murphy located Burbage at a residence on Yarbrough Hill Road in Nebo where he was arrested without incident on Thursday.

Burbage was charged with failure to comply with sex offender registration, a Class D felony, and was served with two warrants for nonpayment of fines. He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

2013 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY:

All individuals listed below having delinquent tax bills are subject to having such personal property and/or real property levied upon and sold to satisfy the amount of such tax bills plus penalty and interest and costs of advertising. Further legal action may be incurred.

TAX BILL #	NAME	TOTAL
3	Britta, Crayna	29.75
5	Nathan, Abbott	24.73
15	Abrams, Shay Estate	263.87
21	Adams, Ronald	17.56
22	Adamson, James	24.35
23	Adamson, Ruby	29.32
75	Avalanche LLC	37.64
78	Baize, Marvin & Mary	576.96
80	Barnes, Laura Estate c/o Ruth Barnes	66.79
86	Battles, Derek	32.98
112	Beshear, Elaine	1.80
113	Beshear, Elaine	3.22
114	Beshear, Elaine	2.15
115	Beshear, Elaine	4.30
116	Beshear, Elaine	4.30
158	Bochert, Ray	115.42
159	Bochert, Ray	96.06
210	Brown, Cynthia & Earl	715.38
213	Brown, Michelle	52.69
218	Bruch, Robert & Sundie	164.88
236	Burden, Jennifer	266.32
242	Hollis, Teresa	159.86
244	Byrd, Edward & Joe Thomason	181.30
247	Miller, Phillip	25.81
253	Paulin, Misty	399.28
268	Carty, Raymond	14.68
289	Clifford, Barbara	131.69
309	Cook, Eliza	206.76
312	Cook, Amanda	67.38
316	Bumbage, Rebecca	332.02
321	Cornelius, James	197.14
330	Cotton, Sue	528.71
333	Cox, H. Heirs	157.27
364	Daugherty, Carolyn Adams	120.62
372	Davis, Paul R. & Julia E.	67.02
373	Davis, Paul W. Estate	215.11
404	Dunning, Alton Junior & Tommie	334.99
409	Dyer, Mike & Melissa	161.30
420	Paulin, Misty	182.78
437	Egbert, Mart	14.34
441	Ellison, Jason	32.24
452	Federal National Mortgage Assoc.	52.69
474	Fox, Joann	102.16
493	Davis, Morris A.	36.56
496	Gamble, Joyce	29.75
515	Gilbert, John	81.00
516	Gilbert, John	100.36
538	Hale, Michael	28.65
540	Hall, Dr. Carroll Ben	105.81
542	Hamby, Cal Estate	254.58
559	Hankins, Charlie	153.77
565	Hanor, Karen	775.88
571	Harris, Iva	141.25
573	Harris, James M.	897.89
577	Harrison, Susan Est. & Rosa Watson Est.	322.74
579	Hart, Delphine R.	189.97
592	Heggen, Danny R. & Elizabeth A.	615.95
598	Henson, Emmett W. c/o Mary Baize	177.20
601	Hester, Scotty	17.92
613	Hill, Elizabeth	22.94
614	Hill, Elizabeth	47.60
617	Hinton, Thomas E.	506.74
618	Hoffman, Louella	71.69
622	Holley, James Robert	13.62
631	Hooper, Mike	393.66
632	Hooper, Ed	12.19
634	Hopper, Tina	463.83
670	Hunt, David	35.48
684	McKnight, Sabrina	465.96
728	J. B. Yoder Enterprises	3.76
746	Johnson, Richard & Vicki	105.75
759	Kittinger, Carol	21.87
767	Kelton, Linda	41.84
787	Kruse, Carla	5.38
814	Lewis, Jerry & Sherri	14.70
815	Lewis, Jerry	20.77
816	Lewis, Michael	49.29
817	Ligon, Agnes	33.68
824	Loney, Joe Sr. & Linda	14.70
833	Long, Ricky	62.37
834	Long, Ricky	93.91
856	Mart, Dwight	107.52
865	Mathis, Jackie	72.41
875	Ligon, Larry	14.34
887	McKnight, Jason & Ashley	232.99
890	Mendoza, Jesse & Mae	27.24
925	Middleton, George & Floyd Heirs	184.35
934	Crick, Bobby	37.28
936	Miller, Roger D. & Melissa	140.73
946	Mitchell, James & Betty	242.67
955	Norris, Gordon	14.34
961	Moore, Kenneth	18.64
963	Moore, Richard & Lisa	193.56
993	Morse, James	432.99
1002	Nash, Randall	12.55
1003	Neisz, Shawn	44.09
1005	Newberry, Andy	40.15
1006	Newberry, Bobby	10.75
1012	Nichols, Earle Est. c/o Gordon E. Nichols	71.33
1013	Nichols, Earle Est. c/o Gordon E. Nichols	111.13
1014	Nichols, Earle Est. c/o Gordon E. Nichols	77.03
1015	Nichols, Earle Est. c/o Gordon E. Nichols	255.17
1016	Nichols, Earle Est. c/o Gordon E. Nichols	264.95
1023	Northup, David & Helen	160.56
1039	Owens, Randy	36.56
1047	Paris, Ben	166.68
1069	Peters, Wesley	64.52
1089	Pomeroy-Lessee	11.17
1095	Pryor, Patsy	93.19
1111	Putman, Tamera	285.55
1112	Putman, Tamera	153.96
1117	Ranck, Rick	21.51
1120	Ray, Kevin	23.65
1129	Redden, Thomas	35.84
1137	Reed, Steven & Karen	167.03
1153	Robinson, Criag	42.29
1167	Rowell, Ernestine Estate	19.00
1174	Russel, Glenda	252.59
1181	Sarver, Dallas	304.39
1184	Secretary of Housing & Urban	107.53
1185	Seek, Rodney	137.65
1247	Stanley, Dana S.	182.79
1262	Stevens, Michael & Kelli	477.76
1273	Suttle, Jodie	206.44
1276	Sutton, William & Pamela	127.25
1277	Tabor, Dorothy	92.82
1278	Tax Ease Lien Investments	29.03
1282	Templeton, Terry	192.11
1290	Cotton, Casey	126.53
1295	Thomas, James & Cody	30.45
1296	Thomas, Jason	249.51
1310	Thornton, Jerry Sue	6.45
1321	Tossi, Lawrence C.	184.22
1329	Tucker, Gary	52.33
1345	Vandiver, Jerry DeWayne	16.14
1363	Walker, Michael & Sandra	725.10
1364	Walker, Thomas	53.77
1376	Watson Real Estate Inc.	420.25
1377	Watson Real Estate Inc.	327.24
1378	Watson Real Estate Inc.	645.90
1385	Wheeler, Melinda	110.04
1386	White, Addie	247.66
1388	Wiggins, Betty & Danny & Charity	784.31
1389	Wigley, Brian C.	116.50
1390	Wigley, Manya	144.08
1391	Wigley, Mildred	112.20
1397	Wilson, Carl Eva	19.36
1411	Winstead, Dave	14.70
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Heath High School Shooter Files New Court Motions

By Andrea Moore
The Paducah Sun

New motions in the case of Heath High School shooter Michael Carneal are elongating a 16-year court battle.

Carneal, now 31, who opened fire on a group of classmates the morning of Dec. 1, 1997, filed new motions in February in McCracken Circuit Court. He has been in prison since 1998, when he pleaded guilty to killing three students and injuring five others.

Carneal is moving for his conviction and judgment to be vacated, among other post-conviction motions. Carneal argued that his counsel was ineffective for advising him to make an Alford plea during the original proceedings, and maintains the trial court was wrong for accepting his plea. Carneal was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole after 25 years.

An Alford plea allows a defendant to maintain innocence, while acknowledging there would be enough evidence to obtain a conviction at trial.

Carneal also argues that he was not certified as mentally ill before the court accepted his plea. He contends that his due process rights were violated because he was incompetent to enter a plea and because he was not given a mandatory youthful offender hearing.

Carneal also filed motions asking for a hearing, appointment of counsel and to disqualify the trial judge from reviewing his motions. Judge Jeff Hines presided over the court hearings for Carneal. He's now retired.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Raymond McGee filed a response to Carneal's motions last week.

McGee argued in his response that Carneal previously exhausted all remedies available for a defendant and has already raised the same issues through his court-appointed counsel.

McGee points out that the same claims have been denied at the trial court level and by the Kentucky Supreme Court and U.S. District Court.

"There is nothing that prohibits Carneal from filing these motions but his claims are meritless and have already been addressed by higher courts," McGee said.

Carneal filed for state post-conviction relief in 2004 and for federal habeas corpus relief in 2009. He is serving his sentence at the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange. He will be eligible for parole in 2023 under the details of his plea agreement.

Carneal's motions are under advisement with McCracken Circuit Judge Craig Clymer. No hearing has been set for review.

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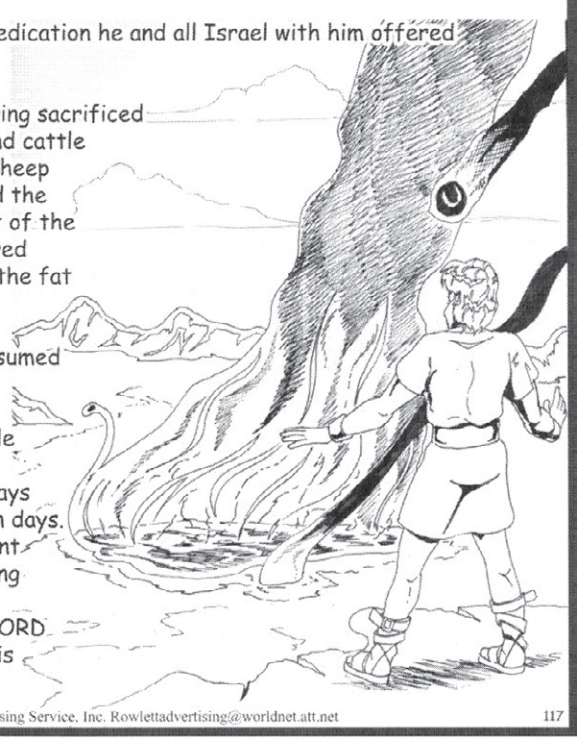
King Solomon Dedicates the Temple
I Kings 8 and 9; II Chronicles 6 and 7

Following King Solomon's prayer of dedication he and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD.

The sacrifice of the fellowship offering sacrificed to the LORD was twenty-two thousand cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and goats. Next the king consecrated the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple of the LORD. There he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings.

Fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices.

Solomon and a vast assembly of people from all of Israel celebrate the dedication of the temple for seven days and celebrated the festival for seven days. Following the celebration Solomon sent the people away. They blessed the king and then went home, joyful and glad in heart for all the good things the LORD had done for his servant David and his people Israel.



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MSU Board Of Regents Names Davies President

By Kathleen Fox
Paducah Sun

The Murray State University Board of Regents named Robert "Bob" Davies as the school's next president Wednesday.

Davies, president of Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., since 2009, will become Murray State's 13th president. His tenure is set to begin July 14, and he will earn an annual salary of $300,000, according to board chairman Constantine Curris.

Curris mentioned Davies' noticeable exuberance and passion for the position and positive recommendations from faculty, staff and students at Eastern Oregon University. He also cited the overwhelmingly upbeat reception for Davies from many departments and factions at MSU.

"There was strong support for him within the university and in many constituency groups," Curris said.

He said Davies also met many of the criteria put forth by the board, including strong interpersonal skills on campus, fundraising skills with alumni groups and building connections in the state legislature. He commended Davies' ability to maintain effective working relationships within the community and with university boards.

The Board of Regents met in a short executive session during the first half of the quarterly meeting to discuss the finalists, Davies and James Smith, president of Northeastern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., and review online survey feedback from the community forums.

Davies said that he was elated to receive the news and after spending several days on campus with his wife, Cindy, he fell in love with Murray State's tight-knit and friendly community.

"As I meet each new group on campus, I become more and more convinced that this was the right place for me professionally and personally," he said. "I'm ecstatic to be invited in, to lead and to be an active member in the community."

He again emphasized the importance of transparency and openness in the role of the president and said he plans to take the first six months of his term to learn rather than act.

Davies and his family will make several trips to Murray before taking office, and then plans to work closely with interim president Tim Miller and other administrative leaders during the transition. He will then set short- and long-term goals and an overall strategic plan. He said Miller will leave big shoes to fill but he plans to live up to the standards and promises he set forth during his visit.

Davies has a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Nevada at Reno; a master's degree in business administration from the University of Oregon in Eugene, and a doctorate in higher education administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Prior to announcing the school's next leader, regents bestowed an honor on Miller by removing the interim title. He is now the university's 12th president until his official retirement in June. The title represents an acknowledgment and praise for his dedication and lifelong service to the school, Curris said.

OBITUARIES

Services Are TodayAt 11 For Randall Cansler, 58

A graveside service for Randall Cansler, 58, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 11 a.m. today at Piney Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

Cansler died March 22, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born July 5, 1955, in Hopkins County, to the late Charles Maurice and Millidene Mitchison Cansler.

He worked as a self-employed general laborer and was of the Christian faith.

In addition to his parents, Cansler was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Cansler; and two sisters, Patricia Lamson and Jean Haberlock.

Survivors include three sisters, Vicky Newberry and Nell Allsbrooks, both Dawson Springs, and Charlene Pendley, Madisonville; a brother, Douglas Cansler, Dawson Springs; a half sister, Loretta Morris, Princeton; and a half brother, Benny Penniger, Kuttawa.

RANDALL CANSLER

Services Are TodayAt 2 For Mary Ann Lay, 78

The funeral for Mary Ann Lay, 78, of Madisonville, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be held at 2 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon until the funeral hour.

Elder Jeff Winfrey will officiate. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

Miss Lay died March 22, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born Sept. 30, 1935, in Harlan County, to the late John Frank and Gladys Goss Lay.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Margaret Rose Harper of Alabama; a brother, John Scott Lay of Madisonville; and several nieces and nephews.

MARY ANN LAY

Graveside Service Is Held For Terry Lynn Jones, 58

A graveside service for Terry Lynn Jones, 58, of Dawson Springs, was held Saturday at Hawkins Cemetery in Christian County. Elder Jeff Winfrey officiated.

Jones died March 19, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Jan. 21, 1956, in Caldwell County, to the late James Woodrow and Elizabeth Ann Garnett Jones.

Survivors include a brother, Gary Andrew Jones, Dawson Springs, and two foster brothers, Jerry Shelby, Gary, Ind., and Randy Martin, Lexington.

Pallbearers were Keith Thomas, Mike Smith, Wayne Barnes, Larry Adamson and Gerald Bennett.

Services Will Be Friday For Richard Dickerson

A memorial service for Richard Ernest Dickerson, 76, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the funeral hour.

David Frisbee will officiate, assisted by Mike and Jill Schoeplein. Burial will be in Silver Brook Cemetery in Niles, Mich.

Dickerson died March 24, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Aug. 4, 1937, in Niles, Mich., to the late Ernest and Sara College Dickerson.

He served in the United States Army in Germany and worked for 36 years as plant manager at National Standard in Niles, Mich. He was a member of Adriel Baptist Church.

RICHARD DICKERSON

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Bobbie Jo Poe Dickerson, Dawson Springs; a daughter, Jill Schoeplein, St. Joseph, Mich.; a son, Michael Dickerson, Denver, Colo.; a sister, Shirley Hanke, Brandon, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

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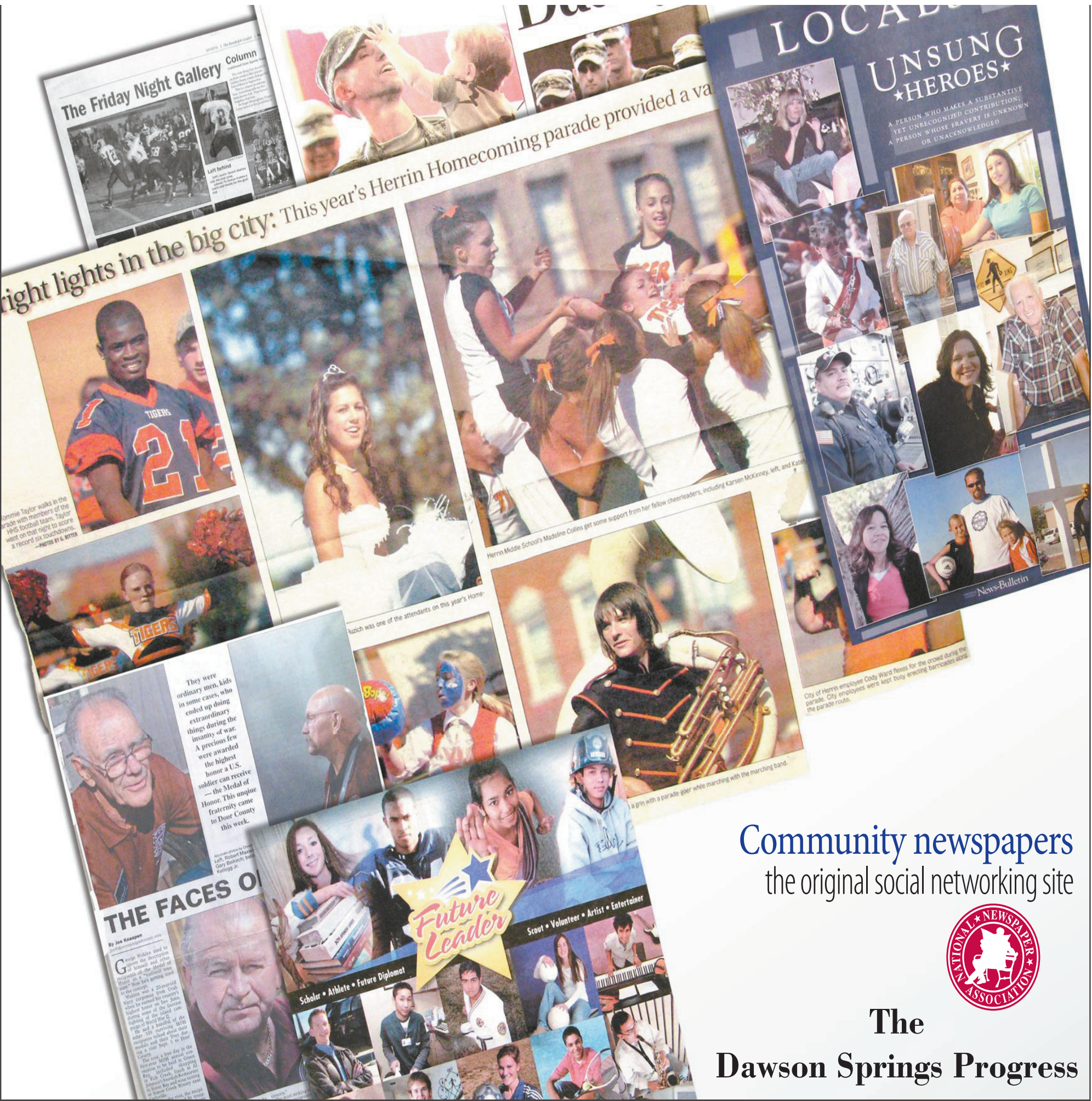

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State Parks Alcohol Sales Comes Before The Senate

By Jack Brammer
Lexington Herald-Leader

State lawmakers appear ready this year to approve a bill that would allow nearby neighbors to determine if many state parks and golf courses could sell alcohol.

House Bill 475, which won unanimous approval March 18 by a Senate committee, would allow residents in precincts where there are state park lodges or golf courses to petition for an election to determine whether the park or golf course could sell alcoholic beverages by the drink.

Most state parks and golf courses now are in "dry" counties, where alcohol is not sold. Under the bill, the precinct that contains the park could go "wet" while the rest of the county remains "dry."

Similar rules for local-option alcohol referendums already are in place for some private golf courses and historic sites in the state.

The sponsor of the bill, House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, has been trying for years to allow alcoholic beverage sales in state parks. He said after the committee meeting that his measure "is going to pass this session."

"I've talked to Senate leadership before I filed the bill and they concurred that we could pass it," said Clark, D-Louisville.

Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said he supports the bill and believes a majority in the Senate will approve it.

"I think it will give our parks a competitive advantage," Stivers said.

The House approved the bill 65-30 on March 10. It now goes to the full Senate for its consideration.

Clark said the bill would generate much-needed revenue for state parks.

"This is a way to enhance the state parks, especially by soliciting more conventions, retreats and attracting more people in the off-season, and is a way to control alcohol at the state parks," he said. "We all know it's already there whether we like it or not."

Kentucky has 17 resort parks with dining areas and 15 recreational parks with golf courses.

Alcohol by the drink is now sold at four of the resort parks — General Butler, Jenny Wiley, Lake Barkley and Pine Mountain — and three stand-alone golf courses — John James Audubon, Mineral Mound and My Old Kentucky Home. All are in wet areas.

State Parks Commissioner Elaine Walker did not have a ready figure Tuesday on how much money alcoholic beverage sales at other state parks and golf courses could generate, but she said it would be substantial.

A 2009 study said Kentucky could generate more than $4.5 million a year if it sold alcoholic beverages at its state parks.

Eric Gregory, president of the Kentucky Distillers' Association, said his group is "fully supportive" of Clark's bill.

"We think it only makes sense, especially with the bourbon boom in Kentucky," said Gregory. "Many tourists are coming to Kentucky because of our Bourbon Trail and would like to stay at parks that serve alcohol by the drink."

Opponents of the bill said it would harm the safe atmosphere at state parks.

"It's a very bad bill," said Donald Cole, executive director of the Kentucky League on Alcohol and Gambling Problems. "It would disrupt the family-friendly environment at state parks. I don't like the bill but I realize it's going to be hard to defeat it this year."

FACULTY members who were on the receiving end of Pi Day activities Friday, March 14, at the local high school are (from left) Emily Abbott, Jeff Miller and Lori Wooton.

Ky. Coal Deal With India Is Still Not Shipping Coal

By Tom Loftus
The Courier-Journal

In August 2012, Gov. Steve Beshear and private-sector energy executives announced a deal that would send 9 million tons of Eastern Kentucky coal to India, holding the promise of reviving the region's sagging economy.

"International markets need coal, and this private partnership is a great example of a new market for Kentucky resources," Beshear said at the time, predicting "a long and successful partnership with many more economic opportunities."

But 18 months later, the first ton of coal has yet to be shipped under the deal, according to one of two coal suppliers involved.

"It's something that's still on the table, but it has not really come to fruition as far as being a fluent shipping order," said Jim Booth, an Inez coal operator and head of one of two Kentucky companies that are to sell the coal under the deal.

A news release from Beshear's office in 2012 described the deal as a "25-year, $7 billion contract" of two Indian-owned companies to buy coal from Kentucky and West Virginia through the two Kentucky companies. "Kentucky coal companies will export about 9 million tons of coal per year" under the agreement.

Shipments were to begin the following month, according to reports in India's Hindustan Times and the trade publication Coal Age.

But instead, coal production and jobs have declined in Eastern Kentucky. The state Energy and Environment Cabinet reported in early February a reduction of 2,232 coal-related jobs in Eastern Kentucky in 2013, and that in the final quarter of the year, only 7,332 people in Eastern Kentucky were employed in the industry.

Booth said the hold-up with the India deal is that the price of coal on the world market has plunged and the Indian conglomerate has bought coal from other sources, as is allowed in the contract.

But the 25-year contract with Abhijeet Group — which essentially sets up a framework for trade — is still in place and has the potential to be as big a deal as originally announced, Booth said.

Beshear said in a statement that while his administration has worked hard to develop business relationships with India, the state had no role in brokering this deal. "

Ky. Lake Motor Speedway To Open In Late March

From The Lake News

Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway General Manager Tommy House said after Marshall County Fiscal Court recently approved an entertainment permit for the track that they hoped to have a National Dirt Track Racing League race the last week of March. He said everything at the track was now hinging on the weather.

According to House, there's been quite a bit of interest in the track being opened from people from across most of the central U.S. He said he had been contacted by people from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. He said just recently a man had rented a suite at the track for his party of 40 people who would be coming in nine motor homes.

During the fiscal court meeting, House got support from Commissioner Misty Drew to have an operating time that will last to 11:30 p.m. However, Marshall County Judge Executive Mike Miller who made the actual decision to set the operating time of the track from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday said that he did not want racing to continue as much as one minute after 11:30.

House said they were doing everything to make sure they stayed inside the time constraints. He said that was why they had chosen to have only four races during race days.

House also said that he wanted Saturday nights because he didn't want to create a conflict with Paducah International Raceway. The Paducah track shut down last summer mid-way through the season, but House said he had conflicting reports about whether or not they would be open this year so he just asked for Saturday night.

Dr. Gary Smith asked the court to set the closing time for racing at 10 p.m. Drew told Smith that the survey she had run with Calvert City people showed responses from more than 70 people who thought as late as midnight would be acceptable. She told Smith that since House was asking for only one night instead of two the 11:30 time was a good compromise.

Smith disagreed with the 11:30 time and told the court if it went past 11:30 p.m. he would file and injunction against the track. He also asked about dust and odor regulations and Judge Miller said those matters were for another court.

KET Announces Program

The next Kentucky Life, hosted by Dave Shuffett, features Appalachian artist Tami Booher, 200-year-old Bodley-Bullock House in Lexington's Gratz Park, downtown Shelbyville, and Casey County master woodworker Robert Vannevel. The program can be seen at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday on KET.

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OPINION

ABOUT TOWN ***By Scott***

Sometimes we eat our words

Sometimes when you write or say words, you end up eating those same words. But as far as the taste goes, it usually doesn't matter except occasionally it leaves a slightly bitter flavor.

However, those words went down pretty well this time and hopefully if they continue to be eaten, they will continue being digested just as well.

A couple of weeks ago in this column it stated the University of Kentucky Wildcats would probably not play more than four more games during the tournaments. Let's see. After gaining the finals in the Southeastern Conference Tournament, that would mean the Cats only had one game left — against Kansas State in the NCAA round of 64.

But no Wildcat fan complained when the Cats won that one and moved on to face the top-seeded Shockers from Wichita State in the round of 32.

This was a matchup made for television (as they all are in the tournament) with the preseason number one team facing a team which was looking to be an undefeated champion. After what many of the talking heads on television say was one of the finest college basketball games ever, the Wildcats shocked the Shockers and now shockingly will play in-state rival Louisville in a Sweet 16 game Friday at 8:45 p.m.

Although the four more games prediction was happily eaten, before they were ingested it was then predicted in this space last week the Cardinals and Cats would be facing off. We got one right; just don't bring up some of those other predictions that will just make a good dessert or appetizer.

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Each year The Progress has an NCAA bracket pool, and this year was no exception. With all the upsets, there are three entries tied in first place with 13 losses each. (In this pool, if a team loses in the opening round and is picked to play in two more games, the other future losses are already counted.)

It's fun to go through all these picks to see what teams are predicted to be champions. It's also fun to see who picks the biggest upset. It may be arguable, but what seems to be the biggest upset this year was Mercer beating Duke. Believe or not, one person actually picked this upset — Lori Mitchell. But as for the rest of her picks, she hasn't fared as well.

The Florida Gators were picked on the most brackets to win the whole thing. They were picked 26 times. Louisville was picked on 15 entries and Michigan State was picked on eight. The Wildcats (the Arizona variety) were picked five times while the more local variety of wildcat was picked only twice. Other teams picked two times are: Wisconsin, Kansas (already home) and Wichita State (also already home). The teams picked once are: Virginia, Syracuse (already home), Stephen F. Austin (already home) and Cincinnati (already home).

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Dawson Springs Junior/Senior High School had its second annual career day Friday. Lori Wooton, the school's counselor, asks Dawson Springs High School alumni to return to their alma mater in order to speak with the local students about career and education choices.

What makes the local career day unique is each individual presenter is an alumni of Dawson Springs High School.

This year 21 former local students participated, and the careers represented were: physical therapist, OB nurse/midwife, pretrial service officer, phychologist/therapist, occupational safety and health administrator, national geospatial intelligence, information technology, clinical dietician, human resources, police detective, college enrollment director, software engineer, accountant, college of business president, electrical engineer, industrial engineer, teacher, heat and air technician, welding, railroad engineer and postal worker.

We hope next year Wooton will invite Class of 1962 alum Gov. Steve Beshear back to his alma mater for career day. We also hope the governor will be able to fit this into his busy schedule even though the time is usually during the legislative session.

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—The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia, and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew $20,000, minus 14 percent, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everything but my earrings."

—Old aunts used to have plenty to say to the 40-ish woman at weddings, poking her in the ribs and cackling, "You're next."

They stopped after she started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

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Commentary...

Pension transparency bill surfaces

By Jim Waters

Legislation that would make the Kentucky Retirement Systems transparent for those paying its bills has danced into the spotlight during the 2014 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Passage of transparency bills filed by Sen. Chris McDaniel, R-Latonia, and Rep. Robert Benvenuti, R-Lexington, would make the "names, status, projected or actual benefit payments" subject to our commonwealth's superlative Open Records Act.

Such information has been cloaked in secrecy since 1972, when the legislature enacted KRS 61.661 during Gov. Wendell Ford's administration.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, believes that's exactly where it should lie.

"I think they'll rest comfortably on the House side," Yonts said when asked about the reception pension transparency bills likely would receive in his House State Government Committee.

It was like watching a Ping-Pong match while listening to recent comments on "Pure Politics" by Yonts' colleague Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, concerning public pension transparency.

On the one hand, Wayne is right with his House Bill 546, which widens the ban on Kentucky Retirement Systems' use of placement agents – middlemen who make critical decisions regarding how and where public pension funds are invested (often with firms or hedge funds for whom they work) – and requires KRS to post online the amount of fees it pays to investment firms.

In stating his case for shining a bright light on fund investments, Wayne actually offers a persuasive statement in favor of widening transparency to cover the entire system: "There are a lot of things about the retirement system that have accumulated through the decades that make it difficult to access information. What this legislation does is merely say: 'Let's open everything up; let's make it transparent.' There are too many retirees and current workers that are dependent upon the proper functioning of this organization or these organizations and we want to make sure that they're functioning well and that everything is absolutely transparent."

JIM WATERS

Why, then, would Wayne follow Yonts' kneejerk reaction by turning around and opposing Benvenuti's and Daniel's proposal? Do Wayne and Yonts believe that public retirees have a greater claim to transparency than the taxpayers who fund their pensions?

In a phone call from Frankfort, Yonts told me that he doesn't think transparency should apply to public retirees' pension information any more than it should to retirement payments received by private sector workers.

"It all comes from the government – both Social Security and public retirees' checks are issued by the government," he said. "Besides, it's all private information; everybody doesn't need to know everything about what's going on in everyone's life."

But McDaniel and Benvenuti don't suggest anything even close to making known "everything about what's going on" in public-pensioners' lives.

They simply propose letting taxpayers know how their tax dollars are spent related to public pensions – including those of politicians and judges, too many of whom are experts at milking the system by collecting six- or even seven-figure legislative retirement checks while also double- or even triple-dipping. This, they believe, moves Kentucky toward addressing an economic crisis that threatens to crowd out funding for every other vital service in the commonwealth.

Even during this pension policy Ping-Pong match, Wayne stops returning serves long enough to support a possible compromise: transparency for pensions above a certain monetary threshold.

Some lawmakers told me they likely would support such an idea and thought many of their colleagues would also be open to the idea.

I, too, think there could be great interest on the part of all Kentuckians – including state retirees, most of whom make very modest pensions – in knowing which senators-turned-judges, Attorney-General-turned-House-Speaker or legislator-turned-Agriculture-Commissioner stand to collect lavish pensions, courtesy of taxpayers in a small, poor and economically struggling state.

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Other editors

Some reasons for abolishing the death penalty

There continues to be much debate about the merits of capital punishment in Kentucky. There are also two proposed bills, HB 330 sponsored by Rep. David Floyd, a Bardstown Republican, and SB 77 sponsored by Sen. Gerald Neal, a Louisville Democrat, that are making their way through Kentucky's legislative session to finally end the death penalty.

Since the 1976 reinstatement of the death penalty in the U.S., Kentucky has executed three people and currently has 33 inmates on death row.

Whether your beliefs are liberal or conservative, there are many good, logical reasons why Kentucky's death penalty should be abolished, and we hope this is the year that legislators will finally take action. We've certainly learned over the last 38 years that the death penalty doesn't deter crime, cannot be administered without human bias and is costly to the state. So what's the purpose of such a broken, barbaric system?

The most compelling reason for the abolition of capital punishment is innocence. Since DNA testing was first introduced, 18 people have been proven innocent and exonerated in the U.S. after serving time on death row for crimes they didn't commit. Who knows how many innocent inmates were put to death only because DNA testing had not been discovered at the time? Who knows what next new forensic science will be discovered a decade or two from now that could further prove the innocence of wrongly convicted inmates?

Costs are another compelling reason why the death penalty doesn't make good sense. Because of the mandatory appeals required before an inmate can be executed, some experts estimate the costs of an execution can be up to three times more than that of life imprisonment. The state Department of Public Advocacy estimates that Kentucky spends as much as $8 million a year prosecuting, defending and incarcerating death-row inmates. This hard-to-come-by taxpayers' money that's being spent to maintain Kentucky's death penalty system just doesn't make good use of our dollars and cents.

Society as a whole continues to move away from supporting capital punishment. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have abolished the death penalty and have chosen life without parole instead. Recent polling showed that Kentuckians are on the same track with 67 percent preferring a life sentence over death. The days of believing that justice demands "an eye for an eye" and "a tooth for a tooth" has given away to more moral and sound reasoning. What will we really gain from executing another human being? Nothing.

Costly mistakes and human error have plagued this unfair, broken and arbitrary system we call capital punishment. Over the last 38 years, 60 percent of convictions in capital murder cases in Kentucky have been overturned.

And, finally, there's closure for the families. Years of appeals, possible new trials and uncertainty can weigh heavily on families in capital punishment cases. Life sentences without parole provide some closure so families can start the healing process.

As a society, we have nothing to gain from capital punishment, and the arguments against the policy continue to stack up. We agree with David Floyd on this issue. Kentucky's capital punishment is a broken government program that needs to be abolished now.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 25, 2004.)

David I. Boggs last week announced his resignation as superintendent of schools effective June 30.

The city police department's first canine team includes its newest officer, Axcel, a three-year-old Dutch malinois. His handler is officer Shannon Albro.

Webelo Troop 421 graduation was held Feb. 16, for Justin Budd, Erik Chappel, Jacob Holloman, Will Kelley, and Dylon Peek.

The funeral for Blanche Lillian Potarf, 76, was held Wednesday, March 24, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 23, 1989.)

Jessica Leigh Abbott celebrated her second birthday Saturday, March 18, with a party at McDonalds.

Rani Shea Aldridge won the second district KEA Presidents Spelling Bee March 11.

Funeral for Jesse Oswald Pike, 77, was held Saturday morning, March 18, at Resurrection Catholic Church.

Funeral for Mrs. Nina Louise McGregor, 79, was held Saturday afternoon, March 18, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services were held for Cecil "Buck" Jones, 75, Sunday afternoon, March 19, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 26, 1964.)

Donya Janine Beckner was born Sunday, March 1, at the Caldwel County Hospital in Princeton,

Jeffery Jennings celebrated his sixth birthday with a party at his home Wednesday, March 11.

An ad for J. E. Hayes Dept. Store in this week's edition featured: New Shipment of Easter Dresses for the Ladies: $5.95 to $14.95; Little Girls' Dresses: $2.98 to $5.98; Men's Suits: reg. $34.95-only $29.95; reg. $45.00-only $39.95; reg. $55.00-only $49.95.

Moments in time...

• On March 30, 1775, hoping to keep the New England colonies dependent on the British, King George III endorses the New England Restraining Act. The Act required New England colonies to trade exclusively with Great Britain. An additional rule would come into effect banning colonists from fishing in the North Atlantic.

• On March 27, 1912, in Washington, D.C., Helen Taft, wife of President William Taft, and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, plant two Yoshina cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River. The event was held in celebration of a gift by the Japanese government of 3,020 cherry trees to the United States.

• On March 26, 1920, "This Side of Paradise" is published, immediately launching 23-year-old F. Scott Fitzgerald to fame and fortune. While in Europe, Fitzgerald finished his masterpiece "The Great Gatsby" (1925).

• On March 24, 1958, Elvis Presley is inducted into the U.S. Army after being granted a two-month deferment to finish his third movie, "King Creole." While stationed in Germany, Presley met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu.

• On March 29, 1971, Lt. William L. Calley is found guilty of premeditated murder at My Lai by a U.S. Army court-martial. Calley, an infantry platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre of hundreds of Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, in 1968.

• On March 25, 1983, during filming of the television special "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever," Diana Ross, formerly of the Supremes, shoved singer Mary Wilson out of the spotlight. It later had to be edited out.

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Other editors

Telecom bill needs to be repaired

As the new and supposedly improved telecommunications bill makes its way through the Kentucky General Assembly, opponents and lawmakers continue to raise worrisome questions about Senate Bill 99.

That's the latest incarnation of the bill dubbed the AT&T bill because of the telecom giant's vigorous lobbying efforts on behalf of a measure they say would lift outdated regulations and free it to invest more money in new, faster, wireless technology throughout Kentucky.

The bill has undergone several revisions since it was first introduced in the Senate. AT&T and the sponsor, Sen. Paul Hornback, a Shelbyville Republican, assure the public that it won't cause anyone in rural areas to lose a landline, a particular concern for the elderly, low-income customers and people in remote areas where cell service is sparse.

"Nothing in this bill will allow that landline to be taken away," Mr. Hornback told members of the House Economic Development Committee, which held a hearing on the bill last week.

That much appears to be true — for areas of fewer than 15,000 customers.

But like most proposed laws, the devil is in the details and there's plenty of devilment left in SB 99.

Take the landline issue. It does require the major telephone carriers to continue that service to those in telephone exchanges of fewer than 15,000 customers.

But that leaves out a lot of folks, Tom FitzGerald, director of the Kentucky Resources Council, pointed out to the committee last week. That could affect groups of customers in communities throughout Kentucky — even some in larger cities where the number of customers in an exchange number fewer than 15,000.

More troubling is the question of oversight by the state Public Service Commission.

AT&T repeatedly has said the bill will include oversight by the Public Service Commission.

It does, but not nearly at the same level, a fact AT&T officials have been somewhat disingenuous about.

"This bill does not do away with any of the PSC's jurisdiction over consumer complaints," Brad McClean — one of 21 lobbyists registered to represent AT&T — told the committee.

But it eliminates PSC power over consumer complaints about landlines in larger service areas — with 15,000 or more customers — a detail Mr. FitzGerald pointed out in a letter to the committee after last week's hearing.

This newspaper earlier this month urged a fair hearing for SB 99. It got one last week where it passed the committee.

But several members expressed trepidation about the details, including preserving landlines and PSC oversight, and those questions need to be addressed before the House votes on it.

The Louisville Courier-Journal

Road projects depend upon gas tax

Transportation projects are always a focal point for local and state governments, but they drew particular attention last week when Republicans accused House Democrats of cutting road projects in their districts as punishment for their votes earlier this month against raising the gas tax.

Democrats, of course, denied the charges, but those denials are tough to believe. About $800 million in proposed projects were cut, and you can bet that the majority party scoured the list for projects in Republican districts before cutting in their own districts — just as Republicans in the Senate will now do when the shoe is on the other foot.

Punishing another legislator for his or her vote on a particular issue is essentially chapter one in the handbook of ugly partisan politics. But what makes it worse in this case is that it threatens to overshadow an important debate that needs to continue as the Senate crafts its version of a state budget — whether or not the state's gas tax should increase by 1.5 cents per gallon to help pay for road projects.

We certainly understand the reluctance to raise the gas tax. With gas at the price it is today — and really showing no signs of ever significantly retreating — pain at the pump seems permanent. The average price of gas, after all, has risen by more than $2 a gallon in the last decade.

But there are a couple of important issues to remember here. For starters, the "increase" is really only taking the tax back to the level it was three months ago. In January, the tax rate dropped by 1.5 cents per gallon when the average wholesale price of gas fell. This new measure would restore the 1.5 cents per gallon, establishing a new rate that would then become the floor for the tax. That in turn would generate an additional $60.8 million for state road projects.

Which brings us to the second point: The state has a long list of needs — and probably a few "wants" as well — when it comes to transportation projects, and there has to be a way to fund them. While most legislators are squeamish of anything with tax increase attached to it, every legislator loves to tout funding for road projects in his or her district, and that money has to come from somewhere.

The gas tax is the most logical — and fairest — source of revenue for these projects. It's a consumption tax, in the truest sense of the definition, relying on those who use the roads and bridges to help pay for them.

As we said before, nobody should ever face retribution for voting a certain way on an issue. But there also has to be an understanding that voting against the gas tax is also voting against transportation projects across the state. That's fiscal reality, no matter how certain legislators try to spin it politically.

If you believe the state has legitimate transportation needs — and let's face it, every community believes their proposed projects are critical — then there has to be a funding source in place, and that means support for the 1.5 cent gas tax hike is necessary.

—The Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

Letter to the editor

Our planet needs help

Dear Editor,

We have another massive oil spill going on. This time it's in Galveston Bay area. Get used to seeing oil-coated birds and other sea creatures dying in another man-made mess.

We learned one thing from the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaskan waters. There are some things that never recover — yes, never.

How much more can our little world withstand? If you believe that God created the Earth, then you absolutely must believe that he intended for us to take care of it.

Richard Chiodo
Dawson Springs

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

American Legion Post 310 election of officers will be held at the Post Home on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 6 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

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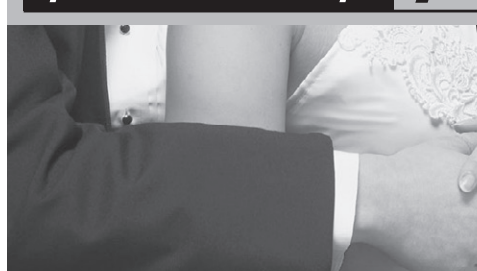

The Dawson Springs Progress

Enrollment Deadline Is Monday For KYNECT

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have been written off as uncompensated charity care by the hospitals.

Gov. Beshear's decision to expand the income eligibility requirement for Medicaid to 138 percent of the federal poverty level has allowed many low-income Kentuckians access to health care, many for the first time. These include individuals making less than $15,856 a year and families of four with income below $32,499. These figures don't include reimbursements to healthcare providers for patients with new private health insurance.

Approximately one of every 13 Kentuckians, or 7.5 percent of the state's population, now has health insurance through kynect. Nearly half of all kynect enrollees are under the age of 35.

The following statistics reflect activity on kynect as of 6 p.m. Thursday:

•321,932 Kentuckians are enrolled in new health coverage

•257,477 have qualified for Medicaid coverage

•64,455 have purchased private insurance

•49 percent of all kynect enrollees are under age 35

•32 percent of all private health plan enrollees are under age 35

•1.3 million unique visitors viewed 48 million Web pages

•787,591 individuals have conducted preliminary screenings

•74,551 have been found eligible for a subsidy to purchase a qualified health plan; some have yet to select a plan

•684,347 calls have been handled by the kynect contact center

Silver is by far the most popular metal level of private health insurance, with more than 41 percent of plans purchased. Platinum is next with 28 percent, followed by gold at 17 percent and bronze at 11 percent. Catastrophic plans make up less than 2 percent of plans purchased.

To get the word out about the fast-approaching March 31 deadline, several special kynect outreach events were held across the state by the Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange. Staff provided information and helped individuals enroll. Additional events may also be held by local kynector groups, nonprofit agencies and others before the deadline.

Kentuckians can also phone the kynect call center at 1-855-4kynect or search at kynect.ky.gov to find a kynector or insurance agent who can assist them with enrollment.

Friends Of Library Luncheon Is Tuesday

The annual Friends of the Library lasagna luncheon will be held Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Katherine Barnett meeting room at the Dawson Springs Branch Library. Prepaid members eat free.

Memberships are $7.50 for individuals, $15 for a family and $2 for students.

The menu consists of lasagna, white lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink.

Deadline For Independents

Individuals seeking to run as independent, political organization or political group candidates for certain partisan offices must file their statement of candidacy forms no later than 4 p.m. April 1 in order to be placed on the ballot for the November general election. There is no fee to file a statement of candidacy. Candidates for federal offices and mayor or legislative body of cities of the second to sixth class that conduct partisan elections are exempt from this requirement.

Potential candidates should contact the secretary of state's office or their local county clerks to obtain the necessary paperwork. The following offices that file with the secretary of state and are scheduled for a regular election in 2014 require the filing of a Statement of Candidacy: state senators in even-numbered districts and state representatives.

Those seeking to run for a county office as an independent, political organization or political group candidate are required to file with their local county clerks.

Independent, political organization and political group candidates must file petitions of nomination with the appropriate filing fee no later than Aug. 12. If a potential candidate was required to file a statement of candidacy but failed to do so, the secretary of state and county clerks' offices cannot accept a petition from the candidate.

For more information, go to www.sos.ky.gov.

Code Red Warns Of Severe Weather Danger

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automated phone system. At the beginning of a widespread restoration event, KU must first assess damage to the electric system before repairs can be prioritized.

Keeping customers informed of progress is an essential part of KU's emergency response plan. In times of widespread power outages, general restoration information and safety tips are provided on KU and LG&E's Facebook page, Twitter feed and official company blog.

3. Be safe: Always assume any downed wire is an energized power line. Stay away and report it immediately. KU customers should phone 1-800-981-0600. Visit www.lge-ku.com/storm for important safety information concerning portable generators, food storage and electric service.

When responding to major power outages across the utility service territory, priority is given to critical-care organizations, such as hospitals, fire and police stations and nursing homes. At the same time, KU crews focus on restoring service to schools, airports and other utility infrastructure, like water and sewer pumping stations.

In making repairs, the goal is to fix problems that will restore power to large groups of customers simultaneously, so hundreds or even thousands of customers come back online with one repair job. KU must repair any critical infrastructure that might be damaged, like the transmission lines and substations that carry electricity into neighborhoods and commercial areas, before power can be restored to those locations. Crews then move to where neighborhoods can be restored and continue on to those problems that affect power to individual streets and homes.

Customers experiencing a power outage should report it to the company by either using the online outage reporting system or by phoning KU at 1-800-981-0600.

While every storm is unique and presents distinct challenges to utility crews, KU remains committed to restoring power as safely and quickly as possible and keeping customers informed.

Run For Alyssa Will Be Saturday

The Run for Alyssa 5K and one mile fun walk will be held Saturday at the Dawson Springs municipal park. Race time is 9 a.m.

Overall and age division awards for males and females will be given. The first 100 youth to cross the 5K finish line will receive medals. T-shirts will be given to all who preregister and while supplies last on race day.

Preregistration fees are $20. Entry fees Saturday are $25. A family discount of $5 per person will be given. Make checks payable to Prayers for Alyssa. For additional information, phone 270-836-0683 or 270-339-8146.

Proceeds will help with medical expenses for Alyssa Argo.

Grand Jury Indictments

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200 E. Munn St., Apt. 6, was charged with two counts of trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone less than 20 dosage units (Class D felony).

—Glenda Cunningham, 43, 140 St. Charles Road, was charged with receiving stolen property valued less than $500 to-wit: license plate (Class A misdemeanor); operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked or suspended for violation of KRS 186 (Class B misdemeanor); operating a motor vehicle with no insurance (Class B misdemeanor); and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine (Class D felony).

—Jerrell Bowman, 59, 227 Morgan Lane, was charged with trafficking in the third degree in a controlled substance, Valium, Schedule IV, nonnarcotic, 20 dosage units or more (Class A misdemeanor); trafficking in the third degree in a controlled substance, Xanax, Schedule IV, nonnarcotic, less than 20 dosage units (Class A misdemeanor); promoting contraband in the first degree (Class D felony); two counts of trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone 20 dosage units or more (Class D felony); trafficking in the first degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule II narcotic, to-wit: Dilaudid less than 10 dosage units (Class D felony); trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone less than 20 dosage units (Class D felony); and being a first-degree persistent felony offender (enhancement offense).

—Sybil Crawford, 63, 1185 Hospital Road, was charged with trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone less than 20 dosage units (Class D felony) and trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone 20 dosage units or more (Class D felony).

—Austin Dearing, 18, 520 White Schoolhouse Road, was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a Schedule II narcotic, less than 2 grams (Class D felony).

—Alesia Morse, 50, 166 E. Ramsey St. #13, was charged with three counts of trafficking in the second degree in a controlled substance classified as a Schedule III, to-wit: Hydrocodone less than 20 dosage units (Class D felony).

The grand jury returned an indictment against Kevin Hoffman, 54, 1744 Union Temple Road, St. Charles. He was charged with first-degree manslaughter (Class B felony).

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Errors hinder Panthers

Good pitching, timely hitting and good defense will win baseball games. Take away any of those and the task of winning becomes very difficult.

The Panthers have been getting pretty good pitching and some timely hitting but until their defense improves, it will be very difficult to get many wins.

"Our errors are killing us," head coach Kevin Brooks said after the Panthers played two games in Saturday's Falcon Classic at Fort Campbell.

The Panthers had just dropped a 7-1 decision to Fort Campbell and a 4-inning 12-2 game to Kenwood, Tenn.

"Our pitching's not bad," Coach Brooks said. "We aren't walking a bunch. They are hitting the ball, and we don't seem to want to catch it."

In the opening game against the host school, the Falcons scored three in the first, one in the second, two more in the third to take a 6-0 lead.

The Panthers scored their lone run in the fourth. Gage Brewer singled and was driven home on a two-out single by Ryan Bardin.

In the fifth inning, the Falcons scored one more for the 7-1 win and a 3-3 record.

Gage Brewer pitched a complete game for the Panthers and only gave up one earned run while striking out five and giving up five walks.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Panthers	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ft. Campbell	3	1	2	0	1	0	x	7

In the second game, the Panthers faced Kenwood, Tenn.

"It was a mirror image of the first game with errors, errors, errors," Coach Brooks said.

The Knights opened the game with five runs in the first against the Panthers' Brad Puckett.

In the bottom of the first, the Panthers scored when Puckett had a one-out walk, advanced to second on a walk to Gage Brewer, and then scored on a two-out single by Austin Hart.

The Knights scored one in the second and six in the third for a 12-1 lead.

After they were held scoreless in the fourth, the Panthers needed to score at least two in the bottom of the fourth to continue the game. However, the Panthers only scored once, and the game was over because of the 10-run rule.

Hart led off the fourth with a walk. He advanced all the way around the bases on steals and wild pitches to score.

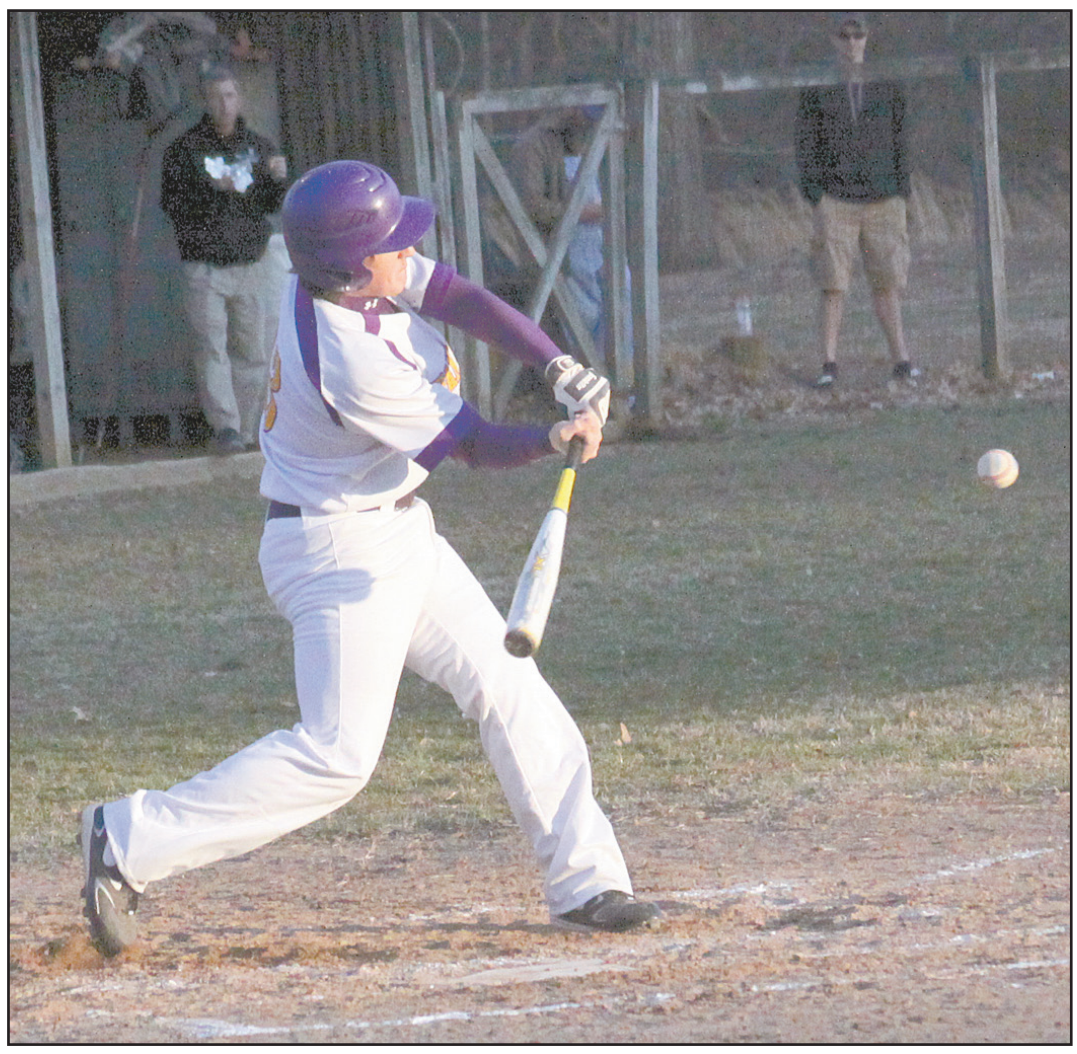
"They were hitting the ball, and we weren't making the plays," Coach Brooks said. "Routine fly balls and routine ground balls weren't fielded. We've still only had four days on the field to practice. We will get there. I'm still confident."

The Panthers played at Caldwell County yesterday (the score wasn't known at press time).

Madisonville-North Hopkins and Lyon County play at Riverside Park on Thursday and Friday, respectively.

After those games, the Panthers won't play again until April 5 because of spring break.

	1	2	3	4	R
Kenwood, Tenn.	5	1	6	0	12
Panthers	1	0	0	1	2



The Panthers hosted Livingston Central last week at Riverside Park. Above left, Brad Puckett steals second base during the contest. Above right, Kameron Orten is tagged out trying to get to third. At left, Austin Hart takes a big cut at a pitch. The game was tied 4-4 through five innings before the visiting Cardinals pulled ahead to claim an 8-4 decision.

Baseball Panthers put up fight, but succumb to Livingston 8-4

The Panther baseball team hosted Livingston Central Thursday at Riverside Park. The Cardinals entered the game with a 1-1 record including a 12-2 win over the Panthers' district rival Hopkins County Central. Meanwhile, the Panthers were 0-3 with a couple of lopsided losses.

The Panthers made this game a fight for the Cardinals but did succumb 8-4.

The Cardinals took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first but the Panthers scored two in the bottom of the inning to take a 2-1 lead.

Kameron Orten led off with a single and scored on Brad Puckett's double. After two outs, Gage Brewer walked and scored on Austin Hart's double.

The Cardinals scored two in the second and one in the third for a 4-2 lead.

But the Panthers came back with two in their half of the third for a 4-4 tie.

Puckett singled and Dakota Jones walked. The first runner scored on a two-out single by Hart. Jones then scored on a wild pitch.

The score stayed tied until the Cardinals scored one in the sixth and three in the seventh, and the Panthers never really threatened after the third inning.

Eighth-grader Kevin Brooks pitched a complete game.

"We made a couple of errors that cost us the runs," Coach Kevin Brooks said. "We had been hitting well all night so I thought we might tie it at the end. It just didn't happen."

The Panthers junior varsity was beaten 18-1 in two innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Liv. Central	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	8
Panthers	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4

Youth League sign-up slated

The Dawson Springs Youth League is holding a second sign-up date from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the municipal park. Saturday is the deadline to register.

Forms may be picked up at the school offices, Planters Bank, Video One and Hayes Hardware and will be available at the park during sign-up hours. Fees can be paid in cash or by check only.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Sweet 16 sees Bluegrass battle

GARY B. GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

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It's Kentucky and Louisville, one more time.

One of college basketball's fiercest rivalries takes center stage Friday night when the Wildcats and defending national champion Cardinals meet in the Sweet 16 in Indianapolis. The Bluegrass State showdown will take place at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the NFL's Colts, which will be configured to hold 35,000 basketball fans.

Those seats will be filled with fans clad in blue and red gear, many of whom will make a 3-hour drive for a game they wouldn't dare miss.

The schools have won the past two NCAA championships and are playing their best basketball of the season right now. Both fan bases expected their teams to reach the Midwest Regional semifinal, and they also expect their schools to advance.

"I know one thing, Lucas Oil Stadium is going to have 45,000 to 50,000 people there," said Kentucky season ticket holder Bob Baldwin, who plans on attending the game. "Even though it's not set up for the whole gig like it was three to four years ago when they had the national championship there, it's Kentucky and Louisville and it's going to be crazy."

Some Louisville and Kentucky fans felt as if they hit the lottery on Monday. Each school is allotted a block of 1,250 all-session tickets.

Indiana Sports Corp. spokesman John Dedman said in an email the other 30,000 tickets will be sold to the general public or given to other groups, presumably sponsors.

One of the lucky ones was University of Louisville Board of Trustee member Jonathan Blue, who has four tickets to the game.

Even though Blue said he won't know where his seats are until he arrives, he won't give them up for anything.

"I'm lucky just to be in the building," Blue said. "Everybody knows I won't pass up a chance to see the Cardinals play, and there's no price that I'd take for these tickets."

Kentucky-Louisville follows Michigan-Tennessee and is scheduled to tip at 8:45 p.m. CDT. Because of the late start, some Wildcats and Cardinals plan to make

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Kentucky-Wichita State ... as good as it gets

Bob Watkins

Sports in Kentucky

Kentucky and Wichita State "... is like a heavyweight title fight," a television analyst marveled.

Stylish, too. Spiced by UK's 54 percent shooting, exquisite decision-making and, for Big Blue Nation, the answer to a question being asked back home last Sunday.

A Wildcats' fan, who knew what analyst Seth Greenburg meant when he said three weeks ago, Kentucky, "... is painful to watch."

Last Sunday the same fan turned to a friend and said, "Who ARE those guys?"

Kentucky's game with Wichita State was as good as basketball gets. Skilled, suspense, high stakes, quality and staying-power with a banked-in 3-pointer or two. A show to rival the Duke-Kentucky in Philadelphia in 1992 with a different outcome.

Wichita State, unbeaten, No. 1 seed and favored by three, was stunningly a team. They were well coached, fundamentally sound, the right pass, right angles, cut and move, move, move!

The Wildcats were stunning too.

"Who ARE those guys?"

In a broader sense, I think we witnessed that point in life when a parent sees The Miracle: One morning your teenager got out of bed, came to breakfast on time and dressed for the day and said cheerily, "Good morning! Can I get anyone an orange juice?"

In that instant he/she, got it?

Got what? This: This isn't about me. This isn't about a pro draft spot either (in this case). And this: all the parental screams, rant and rave that created rolling eyes and blank-stares didn't help, but only delayed The Miracle.

Kid wakes up one morning and gets it.

So, on a gorgeous Sunday in March, the question Who are those guys? got an answer.

Next, these things

Broken brackets discarded, here comes a Sweet 16 with quality to reset schedules for Thursday-through-Sunday and send teevee ratings to the moon.

Delicious.

Mean time, let us reflect and/or look forward to these things ...

1. No. 4 seed Louisville versus No. 8 seed Kentucky. "Seeds don't matter," CBS analyst Clark Kellogg said rightly, "match-ups do."

2. One oddsmaker makes Louisville 6-1 to win the tournament; Kentucky 10-1. Let the love begin.

3. A Las Vegas odds-maker picks Kentucky to win by four. Let the love begin.

4. Bleacher Report experts pick Kentucky to beat Louisville 74-71.

5. Questions before this Friday night match:

√ Can manic Rick Pitino control, but keep effective unpredictable Russ Smith?

√ Can Kentucky duplicate its Wichita State team performance?

6. Favorites to win the NCAA Tournament: Florida 3-1, Michigan State 4-1.

7. Regional semifinal games: Rick Pitino teams are 16-0. These Cardinals have been here before and won 14 of their last 15, eight in a row in the NCAA tournament.

8. Midwest Region at Indianapolis, UK blue and UofL red will come to town in droves for Friday's nightcap, but the undercard, Tennessee and Michigan, is promising, too.

9. Kentucky and Louisville in Indy brings to mind UofL-UK Dream Game in Knoxville, (can it be?) 31 years ago. 1983.

10. Enjoy Billy Donovan's top seed Gators another week. Florida has longest win streak left in NCAAs, 28.

11. Kansas is out, North Carolina, too. Kentucky can add to its most all-time wins list lead.

12. Duke haters can leave it for next year while Mike Krzyzewski takes a rest before coaching Team USA to another gold at the Olympics.

13. College basketball's three premier coaches are still at work: Billy Donovan, Rick Pitino and Tom Izzo.

14. More Charles "what's in your wallet?" Barkley commercials, and straight talk.

15. Sweet 16 bracket. You've done the re-set, right?

16. SEC with all three entrants still playing.

17. Tennessee? Who knew a play-in would be a way to the Sweet 16?

18. Coaches carousel is spinning very well. Hear the music? Job jumper coaches do.

19. Roy Williams. Time out at the end disallowed, no whine at the Tar Heels odd end against Iowa State. Williams congratulated his opponent and walked away and said later, "We made a mistake."

20. Wichita State. Against any opponent any other day, Shockers would have done to an opponent what Baylor did to Creighton.

21. Naismith Player of the Year. Finalists are Doug McDermott (Creighton), Jabari Parker (Duke), Russ Smith (Louisville) and Nick Johnson (Arizona).

22. Recruiting horizon: Scott County guard Trent Gilbert is special and ought be kept at home. A shootist with heart of a lion and savvy for the game to more than offset not having McDonalds all-star in front of his name. Gilbert should also be on a Derby Classic roster.

23. Covington Catholic is Kentucky's 97th boys state champion 2014, beating Scott County in overtime Sunday. The Colonels were the fourth choice to win the state title, according to the ever archaic LitRatings.

24. Future: As we move focus to next season: Western Kentucky University fans can boast their Hilltoppers corralled Mr. Football Nacarius Fant, Bowling Green and Miss Basketball, Ivy Brown from LaRue County.

Worth repeating dept.

"We're gonna shock the world," Willie Cauley-Stein declared before the Kansas State game. "A lot of people think that we're not going to make it past the first round. So, yeah, winning the first game would shock the world."

Comment: Right idea, wrong game.

Parting shot

"We have been given a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have any of us used one to say thank you?" — William Arthur Ward

And so it goes.

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Spring brings best muskelluge fishing of the year

By Kevin Kelly

Kentucky Afield

The weather can be erratic and water levels can fluctuate wildly, but spring brings with it some of the best muskellunge fishing of the year.

Anglers looking to tangle with a big muskie are fortunate to have an abundance of options in Kentucky — from Cave Run, Buckhorn and Green River lakes and their tailwaters to native muskie streams like the Licking River along with Tygarts and Kinniconick creeks.

Not having a boat doesn't mean you have to sit idly during this active time.

"You can definitely catch them from shore," said David "Crash" Mullins, a longtime muskie guide at Cave Run Lake. "You've just got to be on your game a little bit."

Cave Run and the area surrounding it make for an ideal early spring destination for the enterprising bank angler.

The 8,270-acre reservoir was created by damming the Licking River and reaches into Bath, Rowan, Menifee and Morgan counties. Regarded as the state's top muskellunge fishery, it yielded the current state record muskellunge in November 2008 — a 54-inch, 47-pound behemoth caught by Sarah Terry.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources helps maintain the population by stocking about 2,800 13-inch muskellunge into the lake each year. The fish are reared at the nearby Minor Clark Fish Hatchery.

"It takes an average of five to six years for them to get to 36 inches," said Fred Howes, northeastern fisheries district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "In the stream system, you're looking at seven years."

As pre-spawn muskies seek their preferred water temperatures in the spring, they stage in the tailwaters below dams and move into creeks or find shallow coves that warm quickly during the daytime.

The Stoney Cove Recreation Area is tucked in a corner along the lake-side face of the Cave Run dam and like the tailwater area on the other side of Ky. 826 is popular among bank fisherman.

"They catch all kinds of them from the shore there," Mullins said.

The area around a culvert extending under Ky. 1274 near Longbow Marina on the southern end of the lake in Menifee County is another spot known to produce quality fish. Weed growth on the main lake has created habitat that anglers can work from shore.

"Muskies like being in those weeds," Mullins said.

Tailwaters can be phenomenal for spring muskies.

One afternoon earlier this month, a three-man crew from the hatchery loaded into an electrofishing boat and set out in search of muskie broodstock from the tailwaters below Cave Run's dam.

The crew encountered slack water and shallow running conditions, limiting the search area to about 300 yards downstream from the ramp, but wound up netting eight muskies in short order. The largest was a 49-1/4 inch female. The fish will be returned to the area where they were collected after breeding at the hatchery.

"You can catch 'em right now," Mullins said. "That will hold until it starts warming up. Once everything settles down and warms up, they'll move on down."

Lake level and outflow information for Cave Run Lake can be found online via the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' webpage at www.lrl.usace.army.mil. An ideal water level below the dam ranges from 1,000 to 2,000 cubic feet per second.

"From a bank fisherman's standpoint, and from a fishing standpoint, when that river gets up a little bit it allows the water to go back into the little coves around the tailwaters, which enables people to fish that area better," Howes said.

Mike Hardin grew up in the area and has fished the lake and Licking River since childhood. Licking River tributaries like Triplett Creek should not be overlooked, he said.

"Look for a warm rain event," said Hardin, an assistant fisheries director for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The muskies will go back into the creeks as the water warms up closer to the 50s."

Lure selection is not drastically different for bank fisherman targeting muskies.

Minnow lures or twitch baits and 1-ounce spinnerbaits with two single hooks work well in the spring. As the water warms, top-water baits can entice a curious muskie into striking.

"You need to fish a lure that's not going to hang up a lot," Mullins said.

Quick-strike rigging with live suckers or bluegill is another option. The tandem-hook system aims to reduce mortality rates for catch-and-release muskie by eliminating the need for anglers to wait for the fish to swallow the bait whole.

"Learn to cast," Mullins said. "If you've got to throw a 7-foot rod to hit what you're aiming at then that's what you need to do. Most of the creek or stream fishermen will use a shorter rod. And I suggest using at least a 12-inch leader from shore. Other than that it's typical muskie fishing."

Anglers are reminded to get permission from a land owner before entering or crossing private property to fish. A fishing license is also important. The new license year started March 1.

Fishing licenses are sold through a variety of outlets. Vendor locations are available on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also can be purchased online or by calling 1-877-598-2401.

The Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide provides complete licensing information and is available online and wherever licenses are sold.

Kevin Kelly is a writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is an avid angler with a passion for muskellunge and stream fishing.

Record number of archers in state tourney

The 2014 National Archery in the Schools (NASP) Kentucky state championship March 17-18 at Louisville's International Convention Center featured more students than ever. "A record 4,172 student archers competed in the tournament," said Patrick O'Connell, state NASP coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"Last year, which was our previous record, we had 4,093 students compete. In addition to that, for the first time, we went over 10,000 archers across Kentucky completing at our regional qualifying tournaments."

Elementary, middle and high school students competed for individual and team awards. It was the 13th state tournament held in Kentucky since the program began in 2001.

After practice rounds, each competitor shot 15 arrows from 10 meters and 15 arrows from 15 meters, for a total possible score of 300 points.

Archery is a Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) sport activity so the top five high school boys and girls and top 3 teams received KHSAA state championship awards.

In the overall individual competition, Payton Lykins of Henderson County High School won the girls division with a score of 296 while Shaye Patterson of Trigg County High School came in second. A three-way tie for third place was resolved by a shoot-out among contestants. In the final results, Maggie Melton of Henderson County High School took third, and Kayla Bingham of Trigg County High School took fourth.

Dustin Johnson of Graves County High School won the boy's division with a score of 298 while C.J. Dunaway of Anderson County High School took second place. Cameron Hunt of Madisonville-North Hopkins High School and Evan Smith of Trigg County High School tied for third place.

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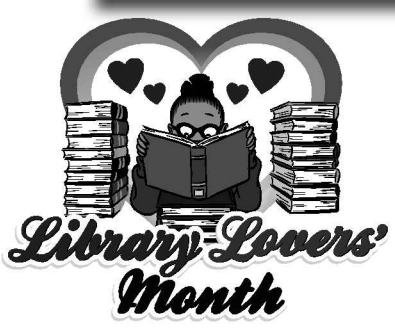

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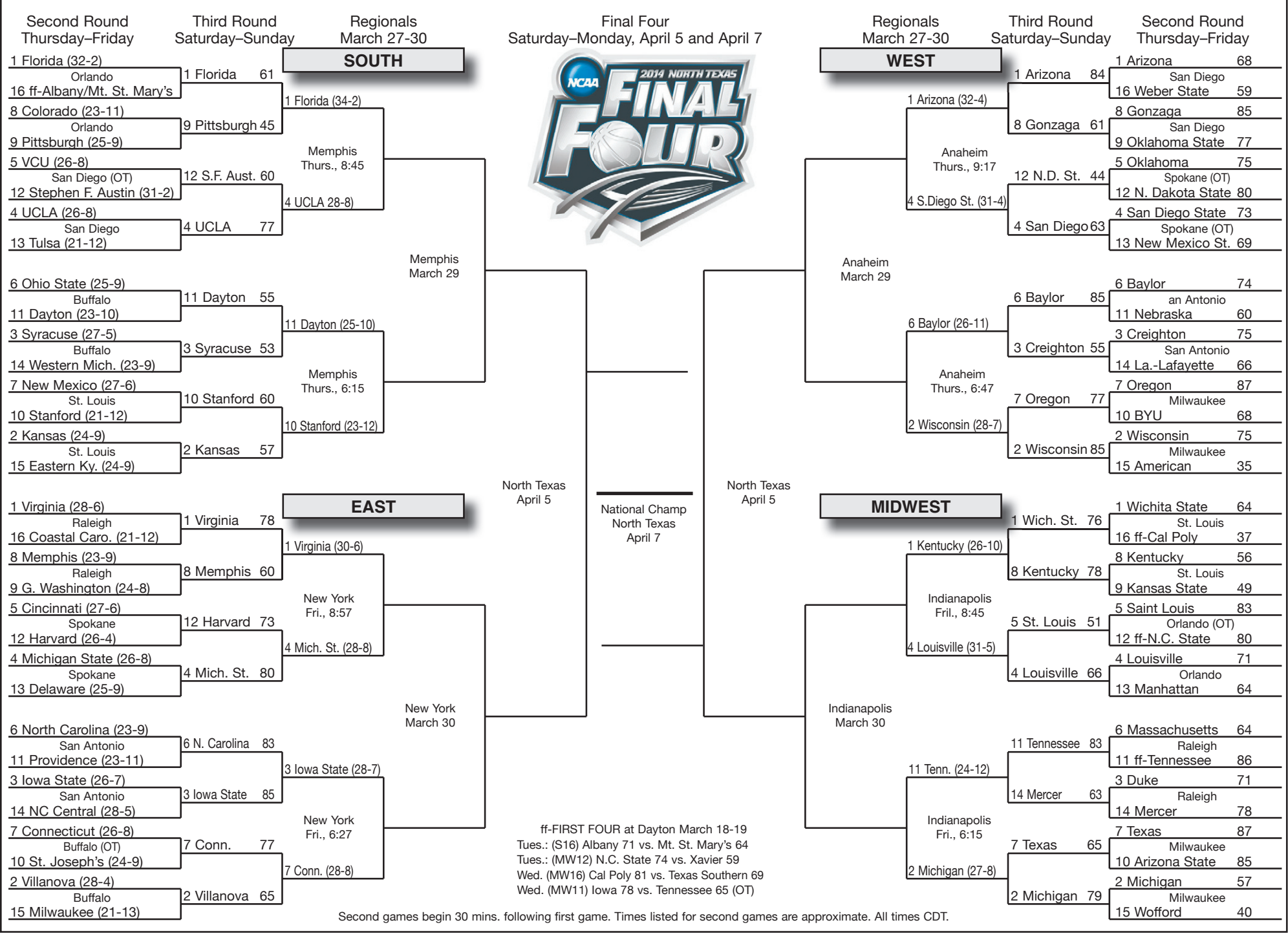
2014 Men's NCAA Tournament Bracket



Kentucky, Louisville eye Sweet 16 showdown

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a day of it, maybe see some of the city, possibly have dinner and catch the first game before settling in for the game that really matters.

This will be the 47th meeting between Kentucky and Louisville, including the fifth in the NCAA tournament. The last tournament meeting was two years ago in the national semifinal. Kentucky won that and went on to win its eighth national title.

Louisville fan Rob Baker vowed to see this game after missing that New Orleans meeting.

"I'll be there for sure this time," Baker said while eating lunch in downtown Louisville on Monday. "It'll be nice to see them get revenge."

The schools are located just 80 miles apart, and Bluegrass basketball fans are determined to follow their teams to the ends of the earth.

Big Blue Nation, the nickname for Kentucky's fervent fans, is well-known for invading road venues, especially tournaments and neutral sites. This month's Southeastern Conference tourney in Atlanta at Philips Arena was swamped by Wildcats fans. They affectionately rename the city "Catlanta" when they're in town.

Louisville's followers are just as dedicated. Blue pointed to the large Cardinals contingent in Indianapolis for last year's regional and the Final Four in Atlanta, where Louisville won its third title.

Friday will mark another battleground site between the schools and their fans are excited about how the bracket brought them together for another showdown. It figures to be a hot ticket, with $55 single-session seats already selling for nearly three times face value on StubHub.com.

Not surprisingly, StubHub spokesman Glenn Lehrman said 46 percent of Midwest ticket sales are coming from the state of Kentucky, with 25 percent coming from the city of Louisville.

LEAGUE CHAMPS

League champions were recently recognized in the Dawson Springs youth leagues. Pictured above are the 5th-6th grade boys tournament champs. They are (front, from left) Ethan Fain, Ayden Davis, Jacob Drake, (second row) Dylan Dawson, Braxton Cotton, Angel Mendoza, (third row) coaches Aaron Davis and Joe Dawson. At top right are the girls champions. That team included (front) Natalee Oldham, Lyndsie Morse, Mareyah Alshire, Alexa Wells, (second row), coach Hank Mills, Zoe Howton, Brooklyn Clark, Mattie Fain and coach Allie Mills. At bottom right are the 2nd-4th grade boys tournament champs: (front) Alex Mitchell, Mathew Cunningham, Jay Laxton, Cadence Harris, Dilyn Skinner, Kaleb Davis, Dylan Harris, (back row) coaches Brandon Cunningham and Mike Skinner.

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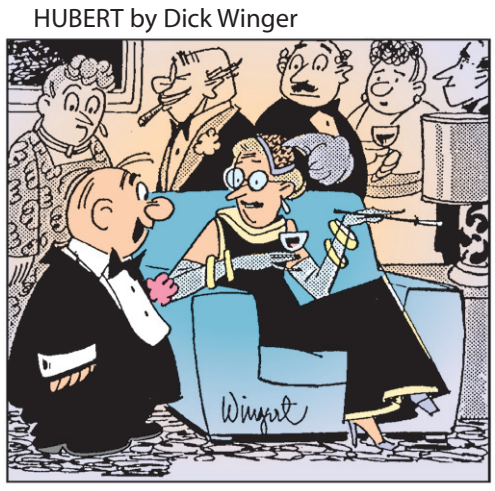

"I think I read your book—did it have a red cover on it?"

LAFF A DAY

"Good evening, I'm working my son's way through college!"

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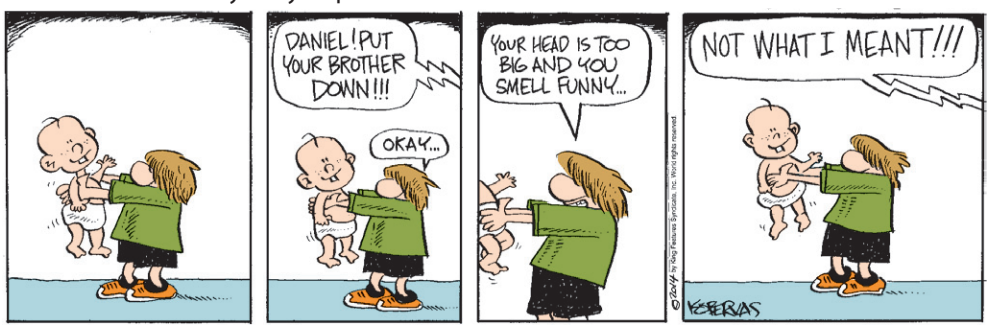

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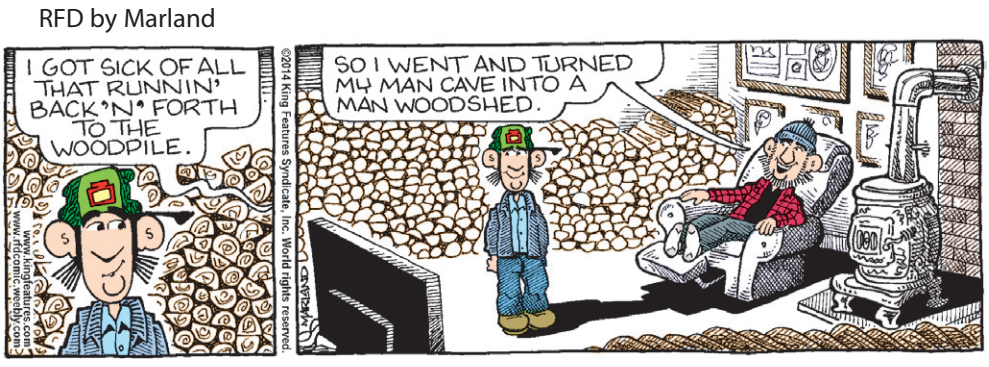

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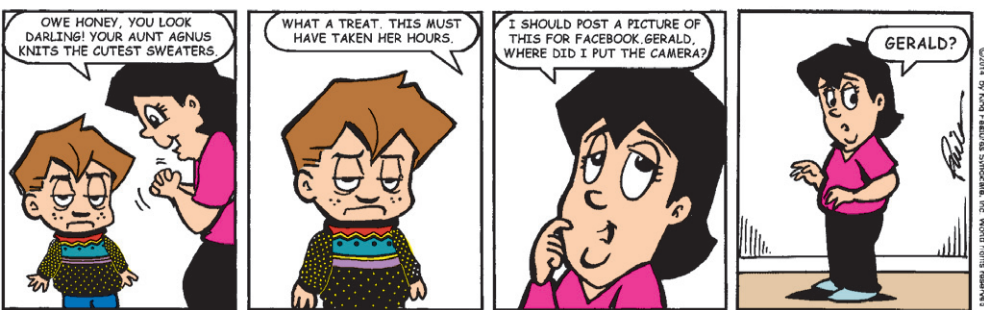

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123 Trendy
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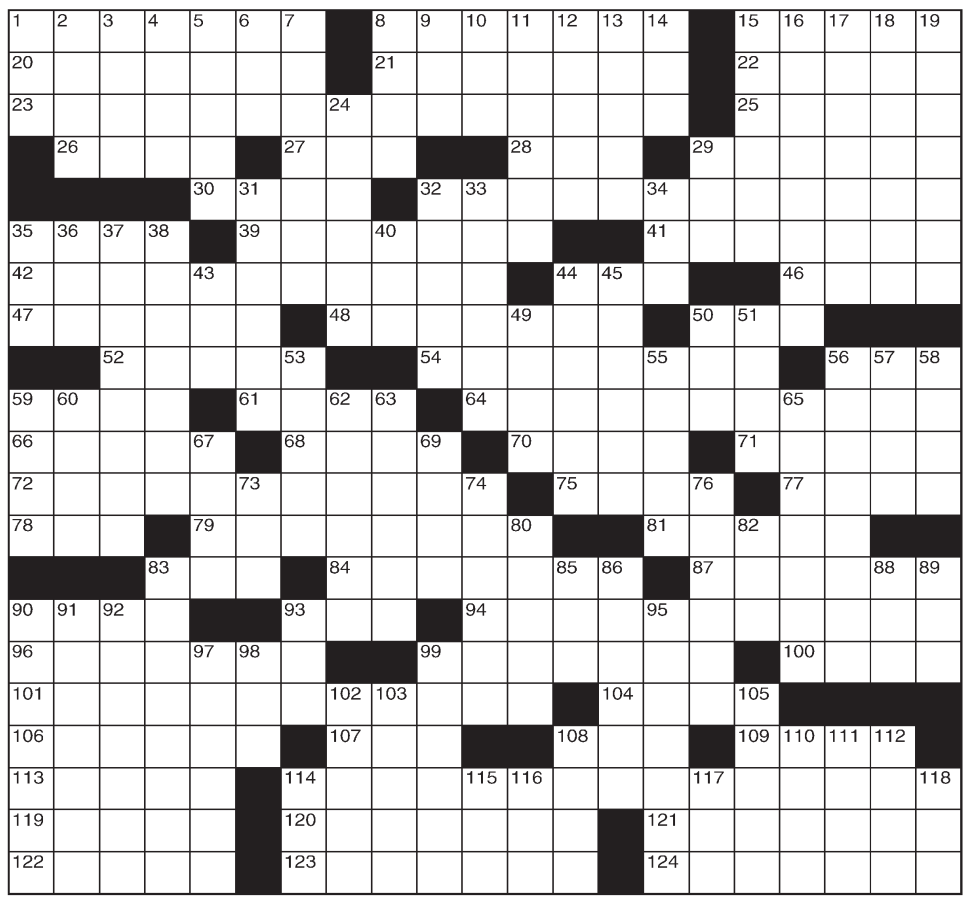

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Head and Ear Noise Drives People Crazy

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have tinnitus. It sounds like roaring in my head. I take gabapentin for it. Do you know of anything else for it? -- E.A.

ANSWER: You have an affliction that would drive me crazy -- tinnitus, a constant noise in one or both ears or the head that people describe in a variety of ways as ringing, whistling, buzzing, hissing or roaring. An estimate of the number of Americans suffering from tinnitus (TIN-uh-tiss or tuh-NITE-iss) is somewhere between 16 million and 60 million.

Tinnitus mostly happens to older people whose hearing is diminishing. Why tinnitus arises in them is explained by the fact that head noises are generated constantly. Outside noise entering the ears obliterates these internal noises. When deafness approaches, the volume of external noises greatly lessens, and the internal noises then become prominent and nerve-racking. If your hearing is growing dimmer, a hearing aid will help you hear more clearly and will dampen your tinnitus.

Other causes of tinnitus are as banal as a wax impaction in the eardrum, something easily taken care of by the family doctor. Drugs like aspirin and the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (Aleve, Advil, Motrin) can bring on tinnitus if they are constantly used.

If a cause cannot be determined, then other approaches have to be taken. A bedside radio tuned to a station that plays the kind of music you like can reduce the volume of tinnitus. Nighttime is the worst time for it.

Tinnitus maskers, devices worn like a hearing aid, emit a constant sound that dulls tinnitus.

Do get in touch with the American Tinnitus Association. It will provide you with a wealth of information on tinnitus and its treatments. You can reach the association online at www.ata.org. If you don't have a computer, surely a friend, neighbor or relative does and can hook you up with the association.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please discuss liver cysts. Two CT scans, taken years apart, revealed two liver cysts. I was told not to be concerned. Should I be? -- B.S.

ANSWER: Since scans have become so routinely a part of medical practice, liver cysts are seen quite frequently. Most liver cysts neither cause pain nor upset liver function. No one is sure why they form. Unless they are large or are causing symptoms, they can be left alone.

Trouble-making liver cysts do exist. Some parasite infections cause them. Those cysts almost always produce symptoms that call for treatment.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently read several articles about the use of food-grade hydrogen peroxide. I am interested in using it for prostate and urinary tract problems. Are there real benefits from it? -- J.C.

ANSWER: Concentrations of 1.5 percent hydrogen peroxide are used by some as a mouthwash and at 1.5 percent to 3 percent as a wound cleaner. The same doses are used to remove wax from the ear canal.

I can't find any confirmation of the benefit of using food-grade hydrogen peroxide for prostate or urinary tract problems. I would not encourage you to use it. Food grade is a very high concentration.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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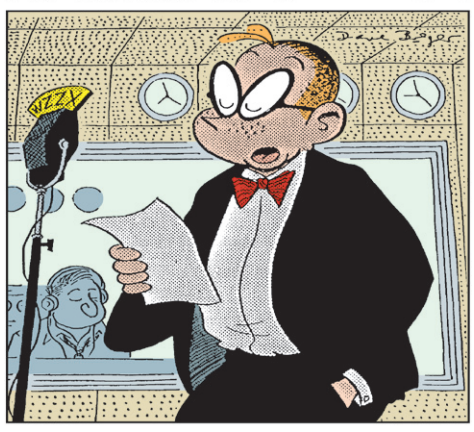

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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2. TELEVISION: What was the skipper's real name on "Gilligan's Island"?
3. ADVERTISEMENTS: What product is advertised as the "The Breakfast of Champions"?
4. U.S. STATES: What time zone is the state of Oklahoma in?
5. LANGUAGE: What day of the week was named after the Roman god Jupiter?
6. SCIENCE: What does the symbol "c" stand for in physics?
7. GAMES: What is the length of a standard tennis court?
8. HISTORY: When did Yuri Gagarin become the first human to orbit the Earth?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the Fujita Scale measure?
10. ETIQUETTE: When is it appropriate to fly the U.S. flag upside down?

Answers
1. Lord Alfred Tennyson
2. Jonas Grumby
3. Wheaties cereal
4. Central
5. Thursday ("Dies Jovis" or Jupiter)
6. Speed of light (for "celeritas," the Latin word for speed)
7. 78 feet
8. 1961
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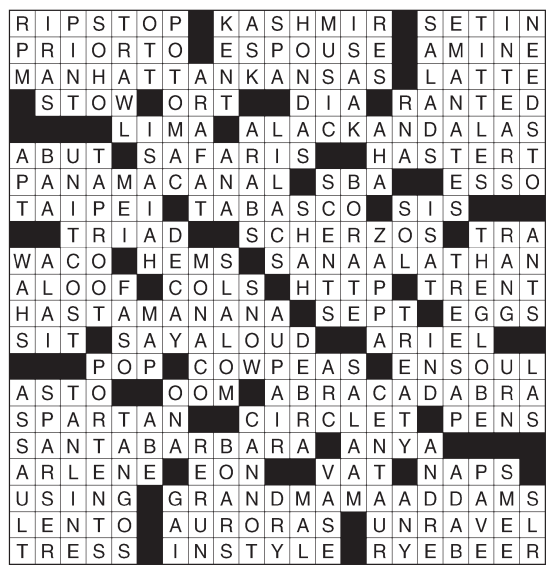

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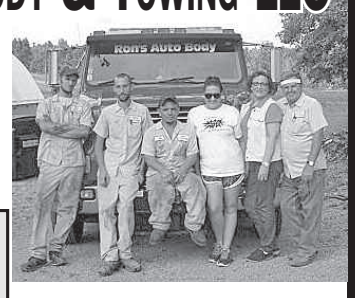
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Pennyrile Garden Club Meets At Cooley Home

The Pennyrile Garden Club met February 18 at the lakeside home of hostess Charlotte Cooley.

President Imogene Davis called the meeting to order. Peggy Furgerson read the club collect. Members answered the roll by identifying the coldest day they remembered. Sharon Budd presented the minutes from the February meeting, and Furgerson gave the finance report.

Business discussion included revisions to the meeting format and hostess assignments. Davis reported that Traci McKnight once again provided the Yard of the Month certificates.

Cooley served sandwiches and dessert. Members finished the afternoon playing bingo.

Those attending were Jeannie Knapp, Susan Menser, Eloise Morris, Budd, Davis, Furgerson and Cooley.

The next meeting will be held April 21 with Furgerson as hostess.

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YW Club Holds Meeting In March At Library

The Dawson Springs YW Club met March 20 in the Katherine Barnett room at the branch library. Hostesses were Janis Peroddy and Kathy Beshears.

The theme for the evening was St. Patrick's Day. Green was the color for the brightly decorated room, tables and attendees. Coconut cake with green coconut flake topping was served.

The business meeting was called to order by Beshears, club president. Peggy Furgerson read the minutes from the previous meeting, and Sharon Budd gave the financial report. The revised by-laws were discussed and approved.

After the meeting, members played Rook with Barbara Thomas winning high; Charlotte Cooley, second high; and Bobbie Kinsolving, low. Carolyn Stevens and Bonnie Mills won the door prizes.

In addition to the hostesses, members in attendance were Debbie Coats, Shirley Menser, Jeannie Moore, Sandra Menser, JoAnn Edwards, Marvalyn Tolbert, Sylvia Thomas, Wanda Hughes, Barbara Thomas, Stevens, Furgerson, Budd, Kinsolving, Cooley and Mills.

'Derby For The Darby' Scheduled For May 3

The Derby for the Darby ladies' luncheon will take place May 3. Tables for eight may be reserved, and individual tickets are available for $15 each.

Contests for hats and for table decorating will be held.

New this year is an infield section for men. Twenty seats are available at $15 a ticket.

For additional information, tickets or to reserve a table, phone 270-797-4248 or 270-836-9135.

Jewel And Linda Knight Will Observe Anniversary

Jewel and Linda Knight will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29, 2014.

Mr. Knight is formerly of Hopkinsville, and Mrs. Knight is the former Linda Adams of Crofton.

The couple has two sons, Jeff Knight and Jason (Melissa) Knight, both of Dawson Springs.

They have one grandson, Justin, of Dawson Springs.

VIRGINIA CHANEY stirs the chili as Kathy Beshears looks on at the luncheon sponsored by the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center Thursday, March 20.

ELOISE MORRIS (standing) stops to chat with Ruth Keller (left) and Edna Sisk at the chili luncheon Thursday, March 20, in the Katherine Barnett Room at the local library.

2014 Art Competition Underway For Students

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield has announced an art competition to determine the high school student who will represent Kentucky's First Congressional District in the 2014 Congressional Art Competition in Washington, D.C. Students wishing to participate should submit their artwork to Andrea P'Pool in the Hopkinsville district office by April 25. P'Pool may be reached at 1-800-328-5629.

Once all the artwork has been received, each entry will be available to be viewed by "liking" Whitfield's Facebook page at facebook.com/RepEdWhitfield. After "liking" the page, visit the 2014 Congressional Art Competition album which will be pinned to the top of Whitfield's Facebook timeline. Participants are encouraged to get their friends and family members to "like" their art to show support for their entry.

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual, nationwide contest sponsored by members of Congress and the Congressional Institute to showcase the talent of their creative high school constituents. Submissions from winning artists will hang in a part of the Capitol complex known as the Cannon Tunnel — a walkway connecting the House office buildings with the U.S. Capitol and Capitol Visitors Center.

The final winner will be determined by a panel of local art experts who will judge the artwork on various criteria. The winner and a guest will be invited to attend the Congressional Art Competition reception on Capitol Hill in June. The winning entry from the First Congressional District will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel, with the second place entry being displayed in Whitfield's Washington, D.C. office and the third place entry being displayed in his main district office in Hopkinsville.

"Every day as I pass these works of art on my way to the Capitol, I continue to be impressed with our young people's talent," said Whitfield. "It is truly an honor for a student to have their work exhibited in this location, and I encourage all interested students from the First District to submit their work for consideration. I also encourage everyone to check out these students' amazing work after April 25 by 'liking' my Facebook page."

Local Relay Group Enters Facebook Photo Contest

The Flyin' Purple Cancer Beaters have entered the Kentucky Cancer Program's Dress in Blue Day, a Facebook photo contest promoting colon cancer screening.

The photo receiving the most "likes" will win $250. If The Flyin' Purple Cancer Beaters win, the money will go to Hopkins County Relay For Life.

Voting takes place March 18 through 31. Voters must be Facebook users and may cast only one vote.

To help the team, go to www.tinyurl.com/KCP-West. Select the photo album for Pennyrile District Photo Contest 2014 and "like" The Flyin' Purple Cancer Beaters photo.

Homemaker Group Meets At Pennyrile State Park

The Pennyrile Homemakers met March 14 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park Lodge. The meeting was called to order by president JoAnn Edwards.

The thought of the month — "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." (Bryant H. Gill) — was read by Naomi Stallins.

The devotional, entitled Thank You Note by Jean Massamore, was given by Joyce Garrett. Garrett also read 1Thessalonians 5:18.

Thirteen members answered roll call by naming their least favorite spring cleaning task.

Club members discussed events taking place in Dawson Springs, and Virginia Chaney told the group about the Hopkins County Extension Office's Web site which lists happenings in Hopkins County.

The lesson, "Life Story: How Your History Can Help You," was given by Anna Lipford and Chaney. The lesson suggested keeping a diary to write a family history for future generations.

After the meeting adjourned, Garrett led a game on St. Patrick's Day which was won by Charlotte Cooley. Sophie Logan gave the prayer before a lunch of soup and salad.

Parent Reps Are Selected For DSHS SBDM Council

Two parent representatives have been reelected by acclamation to serve on the Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High SBDM Council for the 2014-2015 school year. Cassie Bruch and Lisa Litlejohn will return to the council.

Bruch has served on the junior-senior high council since 2008, serving as vice chairwoman for three of her terms. She also served as vice chairwoman of the elementary council for three terms during service from 2007 to 2013. In September, Bruch was elected to the board of directors of the Kentucky Association of School Councils, representing Region One. Her older son, Ryne will be a senior at DSHS in the fall while her younger son Chipper will be in eighth grade.

Littlejohn was elected to a second term on the junior-senior high council. She also served as parent representative for four terms on the elementary council. Her daughter Kylie will be in eighth grade in the fall.

Mark Gentry and Debra Oldham, parent representatives on the Dawson Springs Elementary SBDM Council, are now completing the first year of their two-year terms.

GUEST speakers, former DSHS graduates, for Career Day, Friday, March 21, at the local high school are (front, from left) Twylia Dunbar Merrell, Brittany Simons, Aimee Bullock Wilkerson, Lisa Wilson Peek, Britney Roberts Marlowe, Laura Mathews Miller, Kristi Davis Patterson, Peggy Furgerson, (back) Charlie Beshears, Dr. Jim Harryman, Frank Marsili, Lori Hensley Holloway, Chase Mills, Reese Martin, Shawn Helm, Abe Music, Jason McKnight, Rob Caudill, Mickey Bayer, Dr. Tim Todd, and Keith Wallace.